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(57) Abstract: A method of inducing tolerance to an antigen in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient an agent which raises the effective cAMP concentration in a monocyte cell and GMCSF or a derivative thereof. Preferably, the agent which raises the effective cAMP concentration in a monocyte cell is a prostaglandin or agonist thereof which stimulates cAMP production in a monocyte. Optionally, the antigen to which it is desired to induce tolerance, or a derivative thereof, may also be administered.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 1-35 and 73-81 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: 1-81 (all in part)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Although claims 1-35 and 73-81 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-81 (all in part)

The functional definition "an agent which raises the effective cAMP-concentration in a monocyte" is not a clear, structural definition of a substance (Art. 6 PCT). The search was therefore limited to the agents as defined in claim 2-6.

The search of the unclear therapeutical definitions "inducing tolerance to an antigen in a patient", "stimulating or enhancing granulysin expression in the macrophage/monocyte lineage" and "stimulating or enhancing IL-10 expression in, and secretion from, cells of the macrophage/monocyte lineage" (Art. 6 PCT) where restricted to those diseases mentioned in claims 23, 27, 28, 30 and the virus diseases in claims 75-77.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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